COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

COUNCIL MEETING DATE JANUARY 16, 1991

SUBJECT:

REALLOCATE RISK MANAGER/SAFETY OFFICER POSITION TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

TO THE CITY MANAGER

PREPARED BY:

City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council approve the class title change from Risk Manager/Safety Officer to Administrative Assistant to

the City Manager.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The 1990-91 budget provides for the new position of Risk Manager/Safety Officer. This position was recommended by staff and subsequently authorized by the City Council because of the recognized need to establish a consolidated

approach to the vital function of risk management. At present the risk management functions are spread throughout City offices. The processing of public liability and property damage claims is done in the City Clerk's office. Workers' Compensation claims are administered by the Personnel office. Safety and training activities are administered in the City Manager's office. The Public Works Department performs the majority of claims investigation work. The City Attorney and the Assistant City Manager are also peripherally involved.

The recent appointment of the new Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, Kirk Evans, brings to the City of Lodi experience in the areas of both risk management and solid waste management. This has resulted in the re-thinking of how the various support functions assigned to the City Manager's office might best be administered. It is in the City's best interest to assign responsibilities in the previously noted two critical areas - risk management and solid waste management - to the position held by Mr. Evans because of his particular expertise in those fields. The responsibility for safety and training, normally functions of a risk manager position, will be assigned to the second Administrative Assistant position. Thus, the risk manager functions will be split between two generalist positions which will provide the City with more flexibility in the assignment of various administrative responsibilities. The areas of responsibility will be:

Administrative Assistant #1

- Risk Management
 - a) Workers' Compensation
 - b) Liability
- . Solid Waste Management (AB 939)
- . Budget
- Labor Relations (negotiations)
- . Special Studies/Projects

Administrative Assistant #2

- Safety and Training
- . Emergency Services
- . Hazardous Waste
- . Telecommunications
- . Public Information
- . Sister-City Liaison
- . Special Studies/Projects

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The compensation range will be the same as the existing position and is within the amount previously approved in the 1990-91 budget by the City Council for the Risk Manager position.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Peterson City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 91-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CHANGE IN TITLE OF THE RISK MANAGER/SAFETY OFFICER TO THE NEW TITLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, the 1990-91 Budget provides for a new position of Risk Manager/Safety Officer; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the needs of the City would best be served by reallocating the title of this position to that of Administrative Assistant To The City Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lod: City Council hereby approves the change in title from Risk Manager/Safety Officer to the new title of Administrative Assistant To The City Manager.

Dated: January 16, 1991

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 91-12 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held January 16, 1991 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Mem rs - Pennino, Pinkerton, Sieglock, Snider

and Hinchman (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None

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